

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A system and method for introducing user-defined
(e.g., proprietary) signals into a standard backplane.
A front side backplane portion is provided with a set of
connector holes that are electrically separated from
corresponding connector holes provided on the backplane's
rear side portion. Thus, whereas the separated front
side connector portion is operable with standard bus
signals, the rear side connector portion can support an
10 independent signal pathway to carry one or more user-
defined signals.